GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDIANS LANGUISHING IN PAK JAILS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indian non-defence persons languishing in Pakistan jails;

(b) whether this issue has been taken up with Pakistan;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) As per available information, 1100 Indian non-defence personnel (281 fishermen and 819 civilian prisoners) are detained in Pakistan.

(b to d) Government have consistently taken up the issue of their release and repatriation with the Government of Pakistan. As a result, 311 detainees, including 265 fishermen, were provided consular access by Pakistan in May, 2002. Their release and repatriation are being pursued, including verification of their national status.